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## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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Monthly Report -- Okinawa Bureau

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Chief, Operations Group

DATE

May 1988

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TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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OFFICER'S INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

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1. AC/Ops	13	JUN 1988	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
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8. SA/CD		6/14	<i>Don</i>	
9. C/E:PS		6/20	<i>h</i>	
10. C/AS			<i>[Signature]</i>	
11. C/PERS C/B&F/AS			<i>[Signature]</i>	
12. Joni			<i>GM</i>	
13.				
14. C/AG			<i>me</i>	22/6
15. Exec. Reg.				

FBIS 5017-88  
1 June 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group  
FROM: [REDACTED] Chief, Okinawa Bureau  
SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - May 1988

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## I. GENERAL

Okinawa was left in the dark when a major power failure the evening of 2 May blacked out the central and southern portions of the island. Shortly before 1900 local time a transformer of the Okinawa Electric Power Company exploded leaving homes, businesses and offices dark for some three hours. The bureau's operation was affected very little with the generator and UPS (uninterrupted power supplies) providing the backup needed. Bureau employees at home were not so fortunate as flashlights, candles and stories of how grandmother lived became the order of the day.

## II. OPERATIONS

## A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In support of President Reagan's trip to Moscow, the Russian Unit laid on additional coverage to report the 28 May broadcast by Moscow Television of its interview with President Reagan in the White House Oval Office. The 30-minute interview focused on the agenda for the Moscow Summit, particularly the human rights issue.

2. The Japanese and Chinese units filed considerable copy on the resignation of Japan's National Land Agency Director General Seisuke Okuno following his remarks about Japan not being the aggressor in WW II. This issue, of great interest to Japan and the PRC, generated many items from both sources on Okuno's remarks, reaction to them, his resignation and reaction to the resignation as well as comments on its effect on Sino-Japanese relations.

3. [REDACTED] a part-time Japanese monitor, entered on duty 9 May. Her previous experience as a Chinese monitor in the Hong Kong Bureau served in good stead as she along with several others in the Japanese Unit came in over the Memorial Day weekend to process a Takeshita press conference prior to his departure for a North American and European tour.

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4. Deputy Chief [ ] and Chief of the Chinese Unit [ ] traveled to Manila 9-13 May on a recruiting trip for Chinese monitors. There are currently three vacancies and an announced retirement in the Chinese section. A total of 16 applicants were interviewed and tested. One was identified as a very strong candidate with two others as good candidates but in need of some extra aural training. These candidates, unlike a couple of possibilities interviewed last month in Taiwan, have filled in their PHS statements and seem genuinely interested in the job. The Okinawa wage scale is still competitive in the Philippines, but much less so for Taiwan residents. Its status vis-a-vis the local wage scale is best illustrated by the recent call from a Japanese official handling the entry of a new monitor from Taiwan this summer, who asked us how we expected a family of four to live on the salary we were offering.

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#### B. Cruising

1. Effective 19 May, the bureau placed on coverage Beijing Japanese broadcast 1430-1530 daily to replace the 2130-2200 cast which had not been heard since 9 May.

2. The cruising unit continued its periodic updating of program reviews for the PRC provincial radios during the month. They are also providing frequencies and program schedules updates for various Chinese, Russian and Japanese services.

#### C. Lateral Services

At the request of the American Consul in Shenyang we stopped dropping copies of XINHUA items on northeast China to them. Prior to beginning this service, the consul had expressed concern that the volume of items we send could be more than their antiquated commo system could handle and this proved to be the case.

#### D. Technical

1. The rhombic antenna pole replacement is approximately 85 percent completed. The two parts required to attach the guy wires to the anchor rods and pole have arrived. The contractor is now installing guy wires on poles which have already been replaced. The Air Force antenna crew will first replace the curtain on the 17 degree antenna as this antenna is used specifically for the Soviet Far East regional casts which Seoul is now backstopping for us. The remaining three curtains will be installed as the Air Force works around other priority jobs.

2. The two beverage antennas at 287 and 305 degrees have been completed except for connecting the antenna cable on

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the 287 degree antenna. A broken plate connector on the matching transformer box needs replacing and is on order.

3. Regional Engineer [ ] TDY'ed to Hong Kong to assist in reconfiguring equipment for the new microwave route. A delay in receiving key microwave antenna parts had delayed this trip several times. He then traveled to Bangkok. At both bureaus, he reviewed FBA procedures and processes with bureau personnel. Several grey areas for carrying out routine functions were cleared up and will be discussed in his upcoming trip report. All three bureaus found this part of the trip particularly useful.

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4. The bureau received a Hewlett Packard Rugged Writer 480 dot matrix printer for evaluation with the computer system. To date, monitors and editors find that it is a good operational replacement for the laser printer. From a technical point of view, the printer is also doing well.

5. The bureau system administrators have corrected the problem in the backup file server which usually crashed after 36 hours of usage. An 80 meg hard disk found to be at fault has been returned to Headquarters for repair or exchange.

6. Preparations for installing the Skylink terminal moved forward as crates of equipment arrived during the month and frequency approval was received from the GOJ. Installation is scheduled for early July.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

1. Two Chinese monitor-trainees, [ ] and [ ], completed their training and were promoted to FBN-8 on 8 May.

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2. [ ] EOD'ed on 9 May as a parttime monitor in the Japanese Unit.

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3. [ ], Chinese monitor, resigned on 21 May 1988. She is moving to the States.

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4. On 5 May, [ ] was honored in a small front office gathering on the occasion of his 40th anniversary of service with FBIS.

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#### B. Buildings and Grounds

1. The room for the Skylink terminal installation is nearing completion. The air condition duct was moved, the room

painted and the electrical wiring and signal cables installed. A wooden wall and door are being fabricated.

2. After an intensive review of options for renovating the GSWK houses in Phase II of the housing recapitalization program, the bureau recommended and Headquarters agreed that new construction would be best. Funding for the construction is being sought.

#### IV. VISITORS

##### To The Bureau:

Cpt John Spinelli, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, to review options on the GSWK houses on 3 May; Mr. Kinjo, CPO, to discuss the next step in approval for the system administrator positions on 6 May; [redacted], former bureau logs officer, visited while on private travel 10-18 May; Jim Lewandowski, EO for the U.S. Naval Security Group Hanza, and Beth Harbison, personnel officer for USN COMFLEACT Okinawa, on 16 May to review our FBA system; and Col Jack Clifton, District Commander, Japan Engineer District, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, and LtC Jerry Berry to visit bureau for orientation and briefing.

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##### From The Bureau:

Bureau Chief and Deputy [redacted] to meet newly arrived Col Patrick K. Gamble, commander of the 18th Combat Support Wing and commander of Kadena Airbase, on 2 May; [redacted] TDY'ed to Manila, 9-13 May on a recruiting trip; [redacted] on TDY to London and Islamabad, 15-27 May for discussions prior to PCS assignment; Regional Engineer [redacted] TDY'ed to Hong Kong and Bangkok, 15-26 May for consultations.

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#### ATTACHMENTS:

Production Report  
Engineering Equipment Attachment

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ATTACHMENT TO ENGINEERING MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 1988

EQUIPMENT RECEIVED : SATELLITE TERMINAL

EQUIPMENT TRANSFERRED : NONE

EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL : NONE

PROJECTS ON GOING : DESIGNING MOTOR DRIVEN ELEVATION SYSTEM  
FOR THE RAMSAT DISH ANTENNA.

: RECONFIGURING REMAINING WORK BENCH IN NEW  
SATELLITE ROOM.

PROJECTS PLANNED : REDESIGNING THE EDITORIAL DESK.

SUBJ: take 1 of 2 -- monthly production report

TEXT:

okinawa production report for may 1988

1. totals from all sources:

total publishable worage filed during month:	1,204,250
total non-publishable wordage filed during month:	526,870
total number of publishable items filed during month:	3,688

	broad casts	press agencies	publi- cations
11. <u>input of regular coverage:</u>	22,085	17,385	182.79
(minutes or issues per week)	min.	min.	issues

111. output from all sources:

cambodia

phnom penh spk in  
english

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china

beijing international service to east  
and south africa in  
english

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beijing international service to north  
america in  
english

2,240

beijing international service in  
japanese

3,020

beijing international service in  
mandarin

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beijing to taiwan in  
mandarin

3,630

beijing to the ussr in  
russian

3,450

shanghai voice of pujiang to taiwan in  
mandarin

640

beijing domestic service in  
mandarin

9,680

fuzhou fujian provincial service in  
mandarin

3,720

hangzhou zhejiang provincial service in  
mandarin

3,750

hefei anhui provincial service in		
mandarin	2,480	
nanchang jiangxi provincial service in		
mandarin	4,750	
nanjing jiangsu provincial service in		
mandarin	6,850	
shanghai city service in		
mandarin	9,400	
beijing television service in		
mandarin	3,510	
beijing xinhua in		
english		606,890
beijing xinhua domestic service in		
chinese		134,860
beijing beijing review in		
english		21,420
fuzhou fujian ribao in		
chinese		5,930
hefei anhui ribao in		
chinese		26,510
hangzhou zhejiang ribao in		
chinese		2,590
nanchang jiangxi ribao in		
chinese		430
nanjing xinhua ribao in		
chinese		2,480
shanghai jiefang ribao in		
chinese		8,770
shanghai wen hui pao in		
chinese		---
miscellaneous		
editorial reports	940	
japan		
naha radio nhk in		
japanese	7,420	
tokyo nhk television network in		
japanese	5,440	
tokyo jiji in		
english		2,340
tokyo jps in		
english		3,770
tokyo kyodo in		
english		137,430
naha okinawa times in		
japanese		---
naha ryukyu shimpo in		
japanese		230
tokyo akahata in		
japanese		860
tokyo asahi shimbun in		
japanese		7,670
tokyo asahi evening news in		
english		8,980
tokyo japan economic journal in		
english		---
tokyo mainichi daily news in		
english		7,570
tokyo mainichi shimbun in		
japanese		4,240
tokyo nihon keizai shimbun in		
japanese		8,130



tokyo sankei shimbun in japanese	5,860
tokyo the daily yomiuri in english	15,320
tokyo japan times in english	6,080
tokyo tokyo shimbun in japanese	730
tokyo yomiuri shimbun in japanese	10,330

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broad    press    publi-  
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korea (north)  
pyongyang kcna in  
english

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lao  
vientiane kpl in  
english

410

mongolia  
ulaanbaatar international service in  
english

6,790

ulaanbaatar montsame in  
english

510

ulaanbaatar montsame in  
russian

7,450

taiwan  
taipei international service in  
english

7,040

taipei domestic service in  
mandarin

3,640

taipei cna in  
english

21,690

taipei china post in  
english

9,900

taipei ching chi jih pao in  
chinese

360

taipei chung kuo shih pao in  
chinese

1,540

taipei chung yang jih pao in  
chinese

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taipei lien ho pao in  
chinese

1,060

taipei tzu li wan pao in  
chinese

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union of soviet socialist republics	
moscow to japan in	
japanese	7,860
moscow international service in	
mandarin	17,850
moscow to southeast asia in	
mandarin	1,050
moscow rpp to asian-pacific region in	
mandarin	1,780
moscow television service in	
russian	12,740
vietnam	
hanoi international service in	
mandarin	2,690
hanoi vna in	
english	---

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